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SUBJECT:SENATE INVESTIGATION - WASHINGTON, DC DEMONSTRA-

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1. SENATOR MCGOVERN'S SFRC SUBCOMMITTEE HAS RECENTLY BEGUN INVESTIGATION BROAD QUESTION OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN THE U.S., AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. THERE MAY BE HEARINGS THIS SPRING. IRAN WILL PROBABLY BE ONE OF THE COUNTRIES CONSIDERED IN THE INVESTIGATION. NEA AND INR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ALREDY DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS, SAVAK ACTIVITIES IN THE US.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR TOLD US THEY HAVE NO CURRENT PLANS TO INVESTIGATE FINANCING OF RECENT WASHINGTON
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DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT THAT SUBJECT COULD WELL COME UP AS STAFF WORK PROCEEDS.

3. FYI: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) IS CONDUCTING AN "INQUIRY" INTO ACTIVITIES OF PRO-SHAH DEMONSTRATORS IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE SOURCES OF FUNDS, MIDDLEMEN USED, AND POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF IRANIAN CONSULATES OR EMBASSY.

BASIS OF DOJ INVESTIGATION IS POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. WHEN ASKED IF BOTH
PRO- AND ANTI-SHAH DEMONSTRATIONS UNDER INVESTIGATION,
DOJ REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, SINCE THE ONLY PUBLIC OR
CONGRESSIONAL ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATION OF FOREIGN AGENTS
REGISTRATION ACT WERE MADE AGAINST PRO-SHAH GROUPS.
END FYI.

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